GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Minorities Welfare Department – Corona Pandemic – Moharram arrangements-2021 Instructions/Guidelines - Orders – Issued.

MINORITIES WELFARE (IDM) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 123 **Dated: 06-08-2021**

Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.192, HM&FW(B2)Department.,Dt:04-05-2021, Government of A.P.
2. From the CEO, APSWB, Letter No.E1/20/2019-AP, Dt.03-08-2021 and 05.08.2021.

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O R D E R

In the reference 2nd read above, the Chief Executive Officer, Andhra Pradesh Waqf Board, Vijayawada has informed that in accordance with the instructions of the Government in the reference 1st read above, has requested the Government for issuance of necessary instructions to all the District Collectors of the State in respect of performance of Moharram-2021 commencing from 10.8.2021/11.08.2021 to 19.08.2021/20.08.2021 (as per moon sight).

2. Accordingly, the following instructions/guidelines are issued to take precautionary measures in respect of performance of Moharram-2021 commencing from 10.8.2021/11.08.2021 to 19.08.2021/20.08.2021 (as per moon sight).

(a) General Instructions

1. Individuals must maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet (2 meters) in public places.
2. Use of face masks is mandatory.
3. Practice frequent hand washing with soap (for at least 40-60 seconds) even when hands are not visibly dirty. Use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers (for at least 20 seconds) can be made wherever feasible.
4. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing / sneezing with a tissue hand kerchief /flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.
5. Spitting in the premises is strictly prohibited.

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(b) Guidelines during Moharram

1. The performance of Moharram and installation of Alams at Ashoorkhana (Peerla Chavidi) may be permitted with the Mujawars / Muthawallies / Managing Committees not exceeding 10 members in the Fateha and 30-40 members in Majlis by following social distance.
2. The general public / devotees are advised to offer Fateha / Majlis at their respective homes preferably in view of the COVID-19.
3. The managing committee Muthawalli / Mujawars of the Ashoorkhans shall keep sufficient No. of sanitizers at Ashoorkhana (Peerla Chawidi).
4. Senior citizens, children, people with cough, cold or fever and people suffering with diabetic, high BP and other coronary heart ailments should avoid coming to the Ashoorkhanas (Peerla Chawidi) and advised to offer Fateha / Majlis at their Home only.
5. Instructions in vernacular language on preventive measures about Corona Pandemic to be displayed prominently near Ashoorkhana (Peerla Chawidi).
6. The Do's and Don'ts for the Devotees to be announced in loudspeaker.
7. The last days i.e. 9th and 10th of Moharram (Shahadat) shall be performed only by Mujawars/Muthawallies/Managing Committees procession with Alams, is permitted with only limited/minimum number.
8. Orchestra or musical ensembles, etc. shall be prohibited except Sannai Melam which is a traditional and part and parcel of the performance of Moharram.
9. Moharram fire (Alaava/ Agni Gundam) shall be allowed, if traditionally followed.
10. Distribution of Tabaruk/Sharbat if any, shall be permitted in sealed packets only by maintaining social distance in a specific time and should not allow the devotees to have it in the premises of Ashoorkhana (Peerla Chawidi).
11. Distribution of free drinking water supply stalls shall be prohibited except sealed drinking water Bottles /packets.
12. The Management Committees / Mujawars / Muthawallies to display the maximum number of devotees can be accommodated in the Asthanas for Majlis and shall close the gates once the Devotees occupy the slots.

3. Therefore, Government is here by directed all the Heads of the Departments and District Collectors of the State to take necessary action to facilitate the public in respect of performance of Moharram-2021 commencing from 10.8.2021/11.08.2021 to 19.08.2021/20.08.2021 (as per moon sight) and it should be ensured that all necessary protocols of Corona Pandemic shall be followed scrupulously.

(**BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRAPRADESH**)

GANDHAM CHANDRUDU
SPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Minorities Welfare, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Chief Executive Officer, A.P.State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.
The HoDs of All the Departments of the State.
All the District Collectors in the State.
All the District Minorities Welfare Officers in the State.
Copy to:
The PS to Hon'ble Depty Chief Minister & Minister for Minorities,
AP Secretariat, Velagapudi, Guntur District.
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